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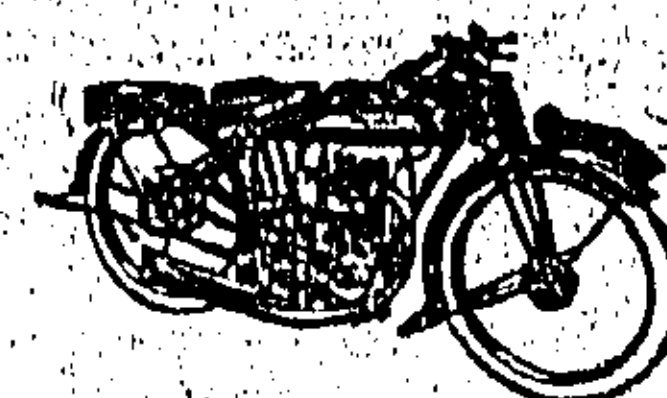
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IMPROVING STRIKE POSITION.

In spite of the continued absence (unwilling absence, it is said), of so many of Hongkong's workers, the local situation is undoubtedly growing better in every respect. Not only are all services becoming much more normal, but there has, during the past two days, been a welcome improvement in the trade position. One or two of the boats which have been held up here for so long have got away for northern ports and there is every prospect of further departures being effected within the course of a day or so. The majority of seamen are still up in Canton, but the recruitment of special crews is now a much easier task than it was a week or so ago.

A visit to the waterfront this morning showed large numbers of junks loading and unloading. The produce was for the most part native and of the kind usually dealt in by Chinese merchants, but it gave a healthy look to things to see the Praya wearing almost its wanted appearance. It is true that Hongkong cannot hope for a full resumption of its shipping and trading activity until the boycott and "strike" are lifted, but in the meantime there is not nearly the amount of stagnation that was evident even so recently as a week ago. Junks are bringing in seasonal goods and produce almost as before, the markets are well stocked with fish, fruit and vegetables and but for the fact that foreign trade is practically at a standstill there is little to denote that we are passing through a time of boycott and strike.

With regard to the labour market, there is plenty of casual labour to be engaged. The Sanitary Department reports that it has virtually completed the replacement of the men who went out on strike by men who have agreed to go on to a monthly rate of pay. The cleansing of the City is again a matter of departmental routine whilst work in all outlying districts is also proceeding satisfactorily.

SHANGHAI INCIDENTS.

THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.

London, Aug. 4.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Mr. Ronald MacNeill said the principal Powers concerned had now agreed on the principle of the Judicial Inquiry into the Shanghai disturbances. The precise procedure was still being discussed, as also was the composition of the Committee, but presumably the Commission itself would decide which of its members should preside.

Mr. Wedgwood Benn asked whether the British representative on the Commission would favour the appointment of a Chinese as President?

Mr. MacNeill said the Government desired the Commission to have the advantage of a Chinese Judge thereon, but the matter was not definitely decided.—*Reuter*.

"BREEZE" IN COURT.

"THE VILLAIN OF THE PIECE."

The two men charged with throwing stones at an anti-strike speaker in Hillier Street, were again brought up before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, when the hearing was again adjourned.

A little "breeze" occurred during an application for bail made by Mr. Russ and Mr. Lyson for their respective clients. Mr. Lyson said the evidence against his client was not so strong, in consequence of which a reduction in the bail was called for. To this Mr. Russ retorted that his man "had been painted as the villain of the piece."

Mr. Lyson thereupon remarked that he hoped that what his learned friend had said was only intended as a joke, otherwise he would have taken a serious view of it.

ARBITRATION AWARD.

HON. MR. BIRD CROSS-EXAMINED.

Denial of Undue Haste.

"Whilst not believing in wasting an hour when half an hour will suffice, I do not admit to undue haste," said the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, in the Supreme Court this morning, when subjected by Mr. F. C. Jenkin to a searching cross-examination in reference to the motion before Sir Henry Gollan for the setting aside of an arbitration award, made on September 2nd last year. The case which commenced yesterday, will be found outlined on Page 2 of this issue.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster continued his cross-examination of the applicant this morning and counsel read letters which passed between applicant and Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master in which the applicant claimed he was protected from paying the bill for extras by clauses in the contract which said he was not to be held responsible for any delay or damage caused by the weather or by accident.

Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, in their reply, pointed out that the damage was caused by a landslide and that Dong Toi was undoubtedly liable for \$17,000.

Mr. Alabaster:—The point was whether or not you were liable for that \$17,000 under the contract?—Yes.

Counsel went on to question the applicant as to various amounts in his counter-claim to the extras. Dong Toi agreed that he claimed for seven months' rent at \$450 per month and was awarded four months rent at \$600 per month. He agreed \$600 was the correct figure.

The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird was submitted by Mr. Alabaster, and Mr. Jenkin proceeded to question him as to the conduct of the arbitration.

Mr. Jenkin:—Did you give a hearing to Lam Tuk?

Mr. Bird:—No, it was not necessary; he had merely presented a bill for extras which Dong Toi disputed.

Neither formally nor informally did you hear argument by Lam Tuk?—No.

The main allegation against you, Mr. Bird, is that you heard the parties separately, and you provided us with the material for that allegation. Do you remember getting a letter from Messrs. Deacons, written shortly after you made the award, and by which it was obvious that Dong Toi was going to make some form of complaint against your award?—Yes. I presume you perused the questions contained therein with some care and applied some care in answering them?—I don't know whether I took very much care in answering.

The sixth question asked you whether you heard them together or separately and your answer is the one word "separately"?—Yes.

A fair reading of that would be that both parties were heard?—That might be gathered.

Your declaration sworn recently contains a statement that they were heard together; what do you mean by that?—I said that, because they were both present at the arbitration and could both hear everything said.

Your declaration was for the purpose of explaining a misapprehension and you make another mistake?—My statement might be interpreted that Lam Tuk was heard and it might also be interpreted that he was present at the hearing.

Did you get Lam Tuk's views as to the penalty clause?—No, I decided for myself.

Did he make any representation to you directly or indirectly concerning that clause?—No.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

BEING WHOLLY DEMOBILISED.

The Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps is to be wholly demobilised as from midnight.

A Proclamation to this effect has been issued by His Excellency the Governor, and is published in a *Government Gazette Extraordinary* to-day. This recites the fact that the Corps was called out for actual military service on June 21st, but that it now appears unnecessary that the period of such service should be continued after to-day.

SHAMEEN STRIKE.

CLUB BAR-BOYS RETURN.

News reaches us from Shameen to-day to the effect that the bar-boys of the Canton Club (who have been on strike) a few days ago returned to the island by motor boat and asked to be again taken on. It is stated, however, that they were told that their services would not be required until the remainder of the staff of "boys" had returned. The fact that these bar-boys returned to the island of their own accord is taken to indicate that the strikers are in a bad way and are only too anxious to return to duty.

CELEBRITY TO BE DEPORTED.

MARCUS GARVEY FOR JAMAICA.

Atlanta (Georgia), Aug. 4. A warrant has been issued for the deportation of Marcus Garvey, to Jamaica, and this will be served when he is released from the federal prison, where he is serving a term for fraudulently using the mails. It is alleged that Garvey sponsored a project to colonise Africa with American negroes.—*Reuter's American Service*.

CANADA AND U.S.

ANNEXATION-IDEA SCOUTED.

Ottawa, August 4. Mr. Mackenzie King, speaking at Kitchener, Ontario, repudiated the idea of Canada's annexation to the United States. "I believe that Canadians are concerned themselves with such a possibility to about the same extent as the United States is concerning itself with annexation to the British Empire," he considered that Canada and the United States were better off as separate entities.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Did you consider the typhoon clause?—Yes, Dong Toi reiterated several times that it precluded him from the necessity of paying. He brought no further argument in his favour than he had mentioned to me before and I told him that I had already decided against him on the point.

Did you refer him to the impossibility of making a contractor responsible for an amount like \$200,000?—Yes. It would be in your mind that to penalise a contractor for a huge sum like that would be impossible and that you would have to keep the principle in regard to smaller amounts?—No, I used the simile to bring it home to him. Did not the simile cover your decision on the matter?—Not at all.

Do you agree that you displayed undue haste, impatience, and weariness of the applicant's insistence that under the contract he should not pay, and told him that it was no use arguing on the subject?—I told him that it was no use arguing further in regard to the question of typhoon damage. I don't admit undue haste but I don't believe in wasting an hour when I consider half an hour will suffice.

The case is proceeding.

CANTON LEADERS

ARRIVAL IN PEKING.

May Discuss Shameen Affair.

Peking, Aug. 4.

Mr. Sun Fo, son of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, arrived here this afternoon, being accompanied by the Canton Foreign Commissioner, Mr. Fu Ping-chang. Governmental departments sent representatives to meet him.

It is reported that Mr. Sun Fo has come here to make arrangements for his father's funeral, but it is stated that he will also probably discuss the Shameen affair with the Government.—*Reuter*.

FIVE YEARS.

FOR POSSESSION OF REVOLVER.

Proceeding under the new Emergency Ordinance, which empowers two Magistrates sitting together to pass sentence not exceeding ten years' hard labour on offenders convicted of possession of arms, Mr. S. B. H. McElderry and Mr. R. D. Forrest yesterday sentenced a Chinese to five years' hard labour for having a loaded revolver without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police.

The defendant was seen to throw a revolver into a nullah before being chased and arrested by Sergeant Gough in Shaikwan last week.

Another man, who was taken into custody at the same time as the defendant, was acquitted on the count of possession of arms, but being remanded until this morning for an alternative charge of being a rogue and vagabond, he was sentenced by Mr. McElderry to six months' hard labour.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

TWO CHINESE CHILDREN KILLED.

There was a severe local thunderstorm in the New Territories on Monday, which, unhappily, resulted in two Chinese children being killed by lightning.

The news reaches the police here in a report from Lokmachau Police Station, which states that during the storm two little children took shelter under a tree, when a particularly vivid flash of lightning struck them and killed them on the spot.

PRINCE'S MESSAGE.

HAPPY MEMORIES OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Pretoria, Aug. 4.

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales has sent a wireless message to the Governor-General expressing his gratitude for the wonderful hospitality of South Africa, declaring that he will always cherish the happiest recollections of the country. He says one of the most encouraging memories of the tour was certainly the large numbers of happy, healthy children who greeted him everywhere and who will, he knows, realise their good fortune and grow up to be good citizens of a land endowed with an unrivalled climate, boundless possibilities of development and confident hope in its own future. He concludes:—"I was very sad at leaving you all, and can only say *Adieu*!"—*Reuter*.

A marriage will shortly take place between Mr. E. L. Price, C.I.E., O.B.E., of Karachi, and Rachel, eldest daughter of Mr. E. A. Irving, late Director of Education, Hongkong, and Mrs. Irving, Radnor House, Woodchurn, Kent.

SPECIAL CONSTABLE'S CASE.

KOWLOON PROSECUTION FAILS.

Charged by Mr. E. C. Bell, a special constable, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, a night soil coolie appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, on a charge of depositing offensive matter in a drain at the rear of No. 2 Aimal Villas. The evidence of Mr. Bell was that he saw the defendant depositing the matter in a surface drain. This the defendant denied.

The tenant of No. 2 Aimal Villas, Mrs. King, stated that she saw the defendant empty his buckets in the servants' latrine.

A Chinese constable of the Water Police, deposed to having examined a bucket which was taken to the station. There was a small quantity of clear water in the bucket.

A detective stated that he examined all the gratings in the vicinity of Aimal Villas, but found no traces of offensive matter.

During the defence, the complainant said that he had another witness, and after listening to the evidence his Worship said that he would hear the witness, although the defence had been heard and the procedure was unusual.

The witness in question, Mr. R. T. Woods, gave evidence contradicting that of the Chinese constable who was in the charge room.

His Worship said that if he found one way he would have to find that Mrs. King had lied. If the defendant were discharged, he would find that Mr. Bell and Mr. Woods had committed perjury. He would therefore dismiss the case, on a conflict of evidence.

"RED" CANTON.

EFFECT ON HONGKONG.

A Reuter service message from Canton on July 24 reported:—

Mr. Sun Fo, Dr. Sun Yat-sen's son, has left for Nanking to complete his father's burial. It is believed that he is not returning to Canton, being persona non grata with the ruling element here. Mr. Foo Ping-shang, the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, has left for Peking.

Mr. Robert Norman, American attorney and adviser to the Kuomintang, has left for Peking, from where he will go to America. "It is reported that Comrade General Borodin will succeed to the advisership. It is learnt that the supreme command of the Army, Navy and Air Force, has been placed in the hands of Russians."

Commenting on the above, the *North China Daily News* states:—"More interesting is to see what the reaction will be upon Hongkong. It would be difficult to imagine any place more likely to be unpopular with the Cantonese Reds just now, than Hongkong. It is British and therefore implicitly obnoxious to pupils of Moscow; it has conspicuously not been ruled by the strike; and it has made things extremely uncomfortable for Canton in many ways, notably in increasing the number of mouths to be fed by sending back strikers from Hongkong and refusing to readmit them. For all which reasons we can imagine the Canton Reds shouting together to some purpose 'Delenda est Carthago'—or rather Hongkong. There can be no question that it is the aim of Moscow to embroil China in a war with Great Britain and the methods adopted on May 23 (even if there were no other grounds for thinking so) show that the Reds will stick at nothing to make Britain appear the aggressor. But in the not unlikely event of the Russians in Canton urging their dupes on to some piece of suicidal violence, it should be clearly emphasized that any hostilities resulting will be a purely local affair, Hongkong repudiating its association of one faction, and that in so doing it is fighting China's battles as much as its own."

HOME CRICKET.

RECORD OVAL CROWD.

Watching Hobbs.

London, Aug. 4.

Playing at the Oval, Notts gained a first innings' victory over Surrey.

Scores:—

Notts, 318 and 228 for four wickets (declared).

Surrey, 302 and 93 for three wickets.

In Notts' first innings Carr scored 53 and Whysall 50, whereas in Notts' second venture Carr contributed 107, not out. In Surrey's first innings, Hobbs made 54, Sandham 69, and Jardine 58, whilst Hobbs only made one run in Surrey's second knock. On August Bank Holiday there was the record crowd of 34,000.

The Champions Tested.

Playing at Sheffield, Lancashire gained a first innings' victory over Yorkshire. Scores:—

Lancashire, 320 and 74 for six wickets.

Yorkshire, 277.

In Lancashire's first innings, Makepeace made 90 and Hallows 79, whilst in Yorkshire's innings the highest scorers were Sutcliffe 62 and Leyland 80, not out. Kilner took five wickets for 14 runs in Lancashire's second incomplete innings.

Warwick Gain Points.

Playing at Derby, Warwickshire won on the first innings against Derbyshire. Scores:—

Derby, 134 and 258 for eight wickets.

Warwick, 237.

In Derby's second innings G. Jackson scored 60 whereas the highest scorers for Warwick were Parsons 76 and Bates 77.

Essex Beats Worcester.

Playing at Worcester, Essex won on the first innings against Worcestershire. Scores:—

Worcester, 241 and 118.

Essex, 277.

In Worcester's first innings, O'Connor took five wickets for 40 runs, and in the second innings, Eastman took six wickets for 29 runs. The highest scorers for Essex were Perrin 52 and Eastman 60.

Middlesex Defeats Sussex.

Playing at Brighton, Middlesex won against Sussex by one wicket. Scores:—

Sussex, 117 and 201.

Middlesex, 227 and 92 for nine wickets.

In Sussex's first innings, Haig took four wickets for 30 runs and Hearne five for 38. Hendren scored 82 (not out) in Middlesex's first innings, Tate taking six wickets for 72 runs. Tate was also successful with the ball in Middlesex's second knock, taking four wickets for 33 runs, and Wensley taking five for 41.

Match Drawn.

The Match between Glamorgan and Mr. H. D. G. Leyson-Gower's XI, ended in a draw. Scores:—

Glamorgan, 214 and 193 for three wickets.

Mr. Leyson-Gower's XI, 141.

The chief scorers for Glamorgan were Arnott, 51, and Bell 38. For Mr. Leyson-Gower's team, Hearne scored 51. Glamorgan's best bowlers were Mercer (four wickets for 26) and Ryan (six wickets for 60 runs).

Dipper in Form.

Playing at Bristol, Gloucestershire won on the first innings against Somerset. Scores:—

Gloucestershire, 300 and 156 for six wickets.

Somerset, 221.

In Gloucestershire's first innings, Dipper scored 150 and Bloodworth 67. Bridges took six wickets for 82 runs. In Gloucestershire's second venture, Dipper was again highest scorer with 71. For Somerset the best scorers were Mabbett 63 and Johnson 58. Parker took five wickets for 37 runs.

MISTRESS SUMMONS AMAH.

INTERESTING KOWLOON CASE.

Mrs. J. Gibblison, of No. 3, Torres Buildings, prosecuted her amah, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning, for leaving her employment without notice.

In evidence, the complainant said that the defendant had been in her service for the last 15 years. On June 3rd, defendant left, complaining that she was frightened. She returned on the 1st July and worked till the 5th when she again left, but returned later and demanded her five days' pay which was refused. Witness had engaged a new amah, and the defendant, with others, had intimidated her.

His Worship asked if witness was not mistaken in her dates as the strike did not take place till the 23rd June, but witness said she was positive of her dates. His Worship then said that the date on the charge (3rd August) must be erroneous and would be amended.

Witness added that she did not wish to have the amah punished, but merely desired that she and the other amahs be prevented from intimidating the new amah.

His Worship discharged the defendant, but warned her to stay away from the complainant's residence.

REPORTER PROSECUTES.

ALLEGED INTIMIDATION BY SHOPKEEPER.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Lau Man-cho, a reporter on a vernacular newspaper, appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, to prosecute Tam Fat, shopkeeper, on a charge of intimidation.

Mr. J. A. Leask represented the defendant and applied for bail, saying that the intimidation was not concerning the strike but was an ordinary case of intimidation.

His Worship refused the application, remarking that what was alleged by the prosecution was precisely what had happened in Peking. According to the information given him on the application for a warrant, the complainant reported in the Chinese papers that a nightsoil coolies' dispute was settled by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and the defendant threatened to tell Mr. Lau to publish a different account, together with an apology for the previous report.

His Worship, intimating that Messrs. Lee and Russ were instructing counsel to appear for the prosecution, remanded the defendant until to-morrow.

Kent Beats Hants.

Playing at Canterbury, Kent defeated Hampshire by six wickets. Scores:—

Hampshire, 170 and 181.

Kent, 232 and 100 for four wickets.

In Hampshire's first innings Mead made 82 and Marriott took six wickets for 50 runs, whilst in the second innings, the same two men distinguished themselves, Mead making 71 and Marriott taking five wickets for 42. Free-man took five wickets for 42. Woolley was the highest scorer in Kent's first knock, making 70. Kennedy took six wickets for 62 runs. In Kent's second venture, Hardinge made 62 not out.

First Innings Win.

Playing at Leicester, Leicestershire won on the first innings against Northamptonshire. Scores:—

Leicestershire, 245 and 146.

Northants, 147 and 120 for six wickets.

The highest scorers in Leicestershire's first innings were Astill 80 and Berry 61. Clark took five wickets for 66 runs. In Leicestershire's second knock, Jupp took four wickets for 22 runs. For Northants, Jupp made 47 (not out) and the best bowler was the Leicestershire seamer, who took five wickets for 45 runs.

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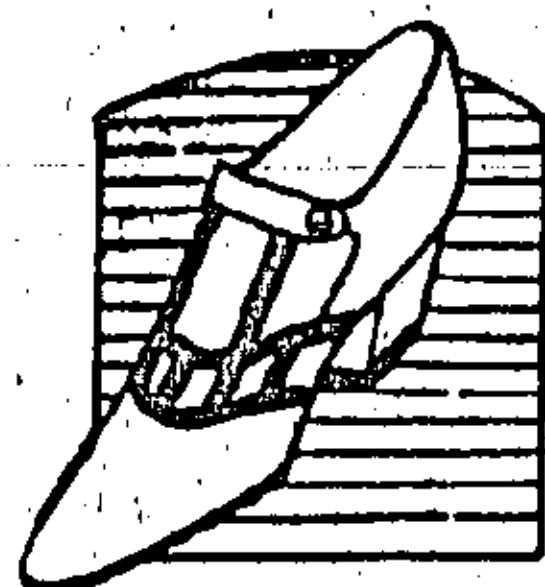
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EARLY CHINESE PRINTING.

A THOUSAND YEARS'
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British Museum Specimens.

The announcement reproduced
in the China Express and Tele-
graph recently of the acquisition
by the British Museum of "the
second earliest piece of known
Chinese printing" has attracted
some attention.

Prof. Lionel Giles writes that
the statement is not quite accu-
rate. The piece in question, a
block-printed roll over 6 ft. in
length, containing the whole of a
certain Buddhist sutra, was in-
serted in the brickwork of the
Lai-feng Pagoda at Hangechow,
now a heap of ruins, at the time
of its construction in A.D. 975,
and it bears a cyclical date cor-
responding to that year. But
among the Chinese MSS. in the
British Museum, recovered by Sir
Aurel Stein from Tunhuang, there
are nine specimens of printing
(exclusive of woodcuts), all of
which are probably of yet earlier
date. Four of them actually show
dates corresponding to 868, 877,
947, and 960 respectively, and
one or two of the others may be
confidently assigned to the
eighth century, owing to the
quality of the paper used. It is
true that, with the exception of
two fine rolls exhibited in the
King's Library, these are in a
more or less mutilated or frag-
mentary condition. The value of
the newly-acquired roll lies in its
being an almost perfect specimen
of early Sung printing, such as
has not hitherto been seen out-
side China.

Mr. E. H. Parker writes: "It
was discovered in the foundation
of a building erected in China in
A.D. 975." This was 40 years
after the invention of printing
from wooden blocks by
Feng Tuo, an official who served
under four of the short-lived
dynasties between the dates 907
and 960. His career is described
at length in chapter 126 of the
"Five Dynasties Period." The
new method is thus laconically
described:

At the time, all the classics were
full of errors; along with a fellow
official Li Yu, he dispatched an
education officer named Tien Min
with others to fetch from the
western capital the stone classics
carved by Cheng Tan, and had
them cut into printing slabs for
circulation over the Empire, which
afterwards gradually profited by
it.

Feng Tuo died in 951 at the age
of 73, and printing from wooden
slabs seems to have endured with
little change up to about 75 years
ago.

THE ROOT CAUSE.

SOUND LEADERSHIP AND A
RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

Labour orators in this country
says the China Express and Tele-
graph still nurse delusions re-
garding the China trouble.
Members of the Parliamentary La-
bour Party were addressed on
July 6 by Dr. H. T. Hodgkin and
Dr. Harold Balne, who stated
that the trouble was due to the
way China had been treated as an
inferior country for many years.
The real cause, and we wish for-
wardly that Labour busy-bodies
would get it into their heads, is
the want of sound leadership and
a responsible government with
whom the nations could come to
terms. Both Dr. Hodgkin and
Dr. Balne have spent many years
in China and they ought to know
that this want is the root cause
of all the unrest which has
brought about present conditions.
After their tirades and telegrams
of a few weeks ago Labour M.P.s
have now learned from these
authorities that, although labour
conditions may have been an ele-
ment in irritating opinion in China,
it is utterly wrong to attribute
the present difficulties to indus-
trial dissatisfaction. It is a
factor, but a relatively unimportant
one, and both speakers, we
are pleased to note, minimised
its influence considerably. The
comparative absence of Labour
comment on the situation this
week is in marked contrast to the
frenzied outburst which greeted
the commencement of the trouble.

AN ARBITRATION AWARD.

SUPREME COURT MOTION TO
SET ASIDE.

A motion to set aside an arbitra-
tion award was heard by Mr. Jus-
tice Gollan in the Supreme Court
yesterday, the award being one
made by the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird
on Sept. 2 last year. Mr. Jenkin
instructed by Messrs. Deacons)
appeared for the applicant and
Mr. C. G. Alabaster K. C. (in-
structed by Messrs. Wilkinson
and Grist for the respondents.

The case was one concerning the
building of a house on Kennedy
Road for Mr. Tong Toi. The archi-
tects were Messrs. Palmer and
Turner and the contractor Lam
Tuk. The building of the house
was interrupted and damaged done
by the typhoon of August 1923.

The question arose as to who
should pay the extras, amounting
to nearly \$20,000. The case went
to arbitration, the arbitrator being
the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, of the
firm of Palmer and Turner, whose
award was in favour of the con-
tractor.

Mr. Jenkin said the
arbitrator had refused to
refer to the contract be-
tween the parties in which was to
be found most relevant and fore-
sightful evidence. He did not really
consider the case which was be-
tween the parties and refused to
hear arguments and look at
clauses which were obviously re-
levant to the situation.

Bias Alleged.

Continuing counsel said his next
point would be bias on the part
of the arbitrator. Here His Lord-
ship intervened and said that, on
the evidence before him he could
see nothing which justified anyone
in saying that anything like bias
was shown. Such an allegation
was a serious matter. Counsel
agreed, but said he must make his
point.

Continuing he said the arbitra-
tor had clearly made up his mind
on the matter after an interview
he had with the applicant to whose
case he did not give a hearing.
After certain proceedings there
followed a silence of seven weeks
duration. Tong Toi had no idea
that the arbitration had ended but
believed that it had been adjourned
or else he would have put many
matters before the arbitrator. Had
he known that the proceedings re-
ferred to were the final ones, then
he would have asked permission
of the arbitrator to place his argu-
ments through the mouth of some-
one qualified to do so and had
he consulted a lawyer the
lawyer would undoubtedly have
called on the arbitrator to state
a special case to place before a
court.

A Lawyer Necessary.

Counsel could not conceive a
case in which it was more neces-
sary for a lawyer to ask for a spe-
cial case to be stated that it might
be placed before a judge, inasmuch
as the case rested on clauses writ-
ten in a tongue foreign to the ap-
plicant in a complicated and some-
what highly technical document.

The end of the seven weeks
silence referred to occurred when
Messrs. Palmer and Turner sent
a letter to applicant asking him to
attend at their office. This he did
the next day and he was there asked
by Mr. Bird if everything was
all right in connection with his
house. He replied that it was in
part, but in part not all right. Mr.
Bird then asked him if he was go-
ing to pay for the typhoon damage
and other extras, whereupon ap-
plicant said that he thought that
under the specification the con-
tractor was liable for that. Mr.
Bird, then said to him, applicant
alleged in his affidavit, "It is no
use arguing about it. All I want
you to do is to go away and write
me a letter saying you will pay or
you will not pay."

The Award.

No letter was sent by Tong Toi
and on September 2 last Mr. Bird
issued his award. This finding
was a copy of a bill which had
been drawn up by Messrs. Palmer
and Turner, as architects, as to
the typhoon damage and extras
which the building owner was to
pay. All the findings were in that
document, and therefore the
award might have been issued any
day after July 6 when that bill
was drawn up instead of two
months later.

Concluding his argument coun-
sel said that having regard to the
typhoon clause and the penalty
clause in the contract, the arbitra-
tor's award was most improper
and unreasonable as to amount
to a miscarriage of justice and he
asked that the award be set aside
or the case be sent back to the

NAVAL YARD FATALITY.

INDIAN MULE DRIVER
DROWNED.

Coroner Holds Enquiry.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yester-
day, Mr. E. W. Hamilton con-
ducted an enquiry into the circum-
stances surrounding the death of
Gulam Din, an Indian mule driver
of the Hongkong Mule Corps, who
was drowned in the Royal Army
Service Corps cumber at the Hong-
kong Naval Yard on July 7.

The medical evidence was to the
effect that the remains of the de-
ceased were taken to the Kowloon
Mortuary in an advanced stage of
decomposition, making post mortem
examination impossible.

Another mule driver gave evidence
of having gone to the R. A. S. C.
quarters on June 28, together with
five other men, for guard duty in
connection with the strike.

Shortly after the tiffin interval on
July 7, witness left his quarters and
proceeded to the cumber for a swim.
He had left the basin and swam to a
steamer which was anchored in the
harbour about 80 yards away from
the sea wall. Twenty minutes later
he observed the deceased jump into
the water. Witness called out to
the deceased that the water was
deep, but the latter took no notice
of the warning and plunged in from
a lighter. He rose to the surface
once and then disappeared.

Witness swam to the place where
the deceased had disappeared but
failed to find him. He then reported
the incident to his superior officer.

Lance Corporal C. F. Masters of
the East Surrey Regiment, who was
N. C. O. in charge of the guards in
the R. A. S. C. cumber, stated that
he saw the deceased jump into the
water from a barge. As he did not
see him again witness had the barge
removed, thinking that the Indian
had been caught under the lighter.
He then dived into the water, fol-
lowed by others, but after half an
hour's search, without results, the
party retired and reported the ac-
cident.

Search Instituted.

Staff Sergeant W. H. Finlayson
deposed to having been called to
the scene, and having reported the
fatality to the Naval Yard Police.
Witness requested that grapples
be sent to facilitate the searching
for the body, but was told that there
were no grapples in the yard. A
telephone message was then de-
patched to the Water Police.

Sergeant Goldsmith of the Water
Police said that he arrived at the
Naval Yard Basin at 5 p.m. and
dragged for the body but was un-
successful.

The recovery of the body made by
Sergeant Goodwin after it had been
submerged for 24 hours. It had
risen to the surface but was not
decomposed. There was bleeding
from the nose and mouth.

Staff Sergeant Finlayson was re-
called and in reply to the Coroner
said that he had received no orders
regarding swimming in the cumber
except that nobody was allowed to
bathe unless there was a lifeboat
present.

Capt. E. W. Morris, who is in
command of the Indian Army Ser-
vice Corps, said that he was not
aware that Indians bathed in the
cumber. Since the fatality strict
orders had been issued that nobody
was allowed to bathe in the Naval
Yard basin.

The Coroner's finding was to the
effect that the deceased met his
death through an accident. If the
unfortunate man had not either de-
liberately or ignorantly disobeyed
orders the accident would not have
occurred. No blame was attached
to anyone.

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arbitrator and the applicant
given a hearing. This closed the
case for the applicant.

Tong Toi then entered the wit-
ness box and was cross-examined
by Mr. Alabaster. He said he
understood English but the letters
he sent to Messrs. Palmer and
Turner were written for him by
his daughter. He had been direc-
tor and chief manager of the
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Mr. Alabaster: It failed about
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The case was adjourned until
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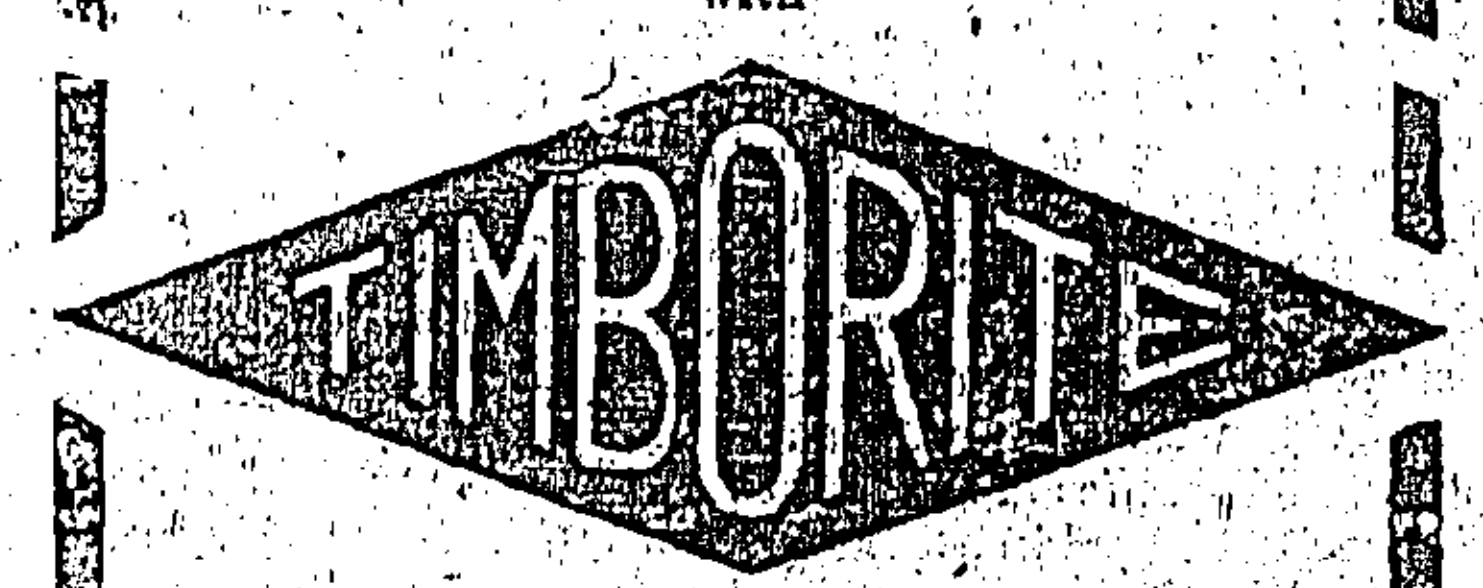
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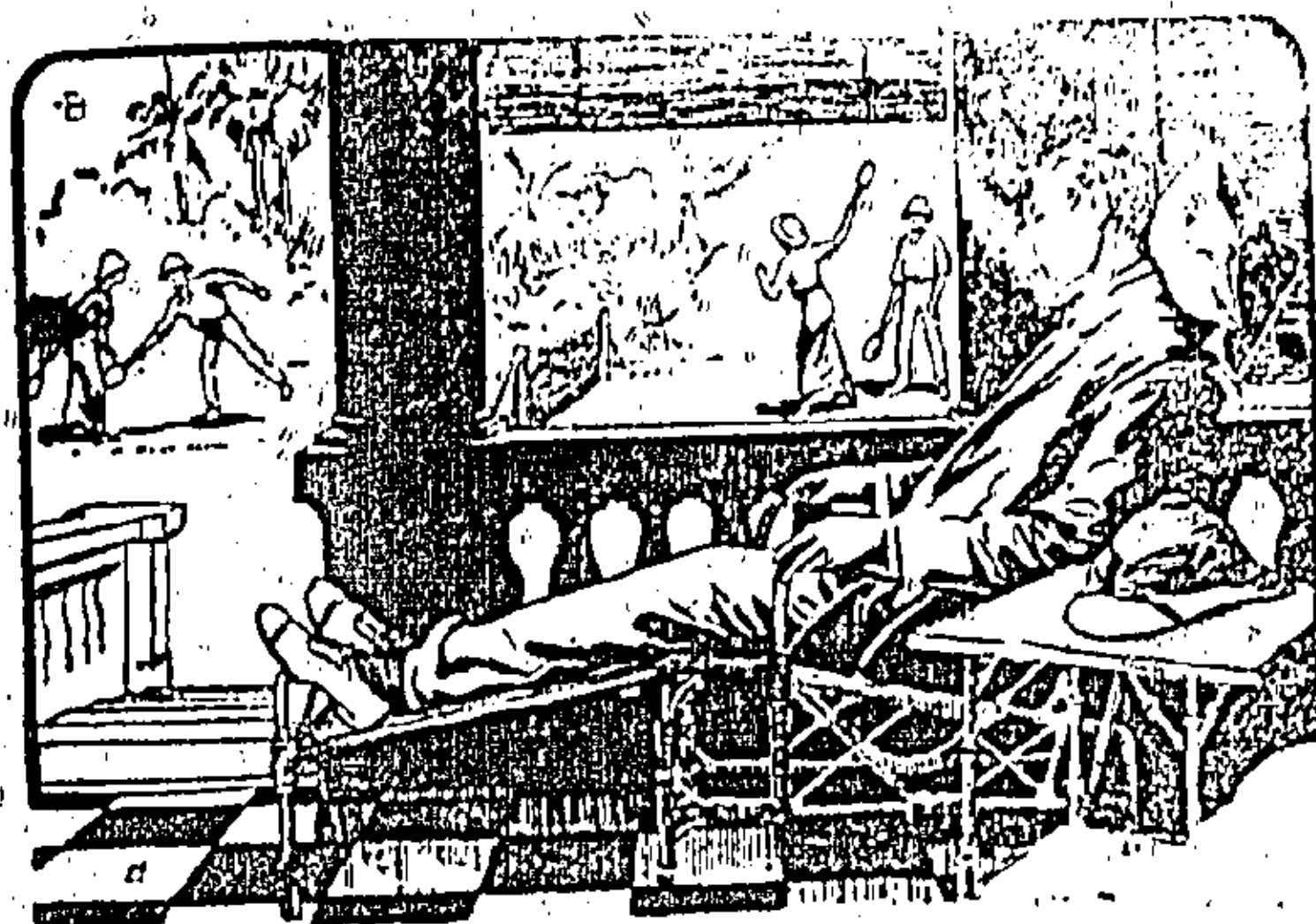
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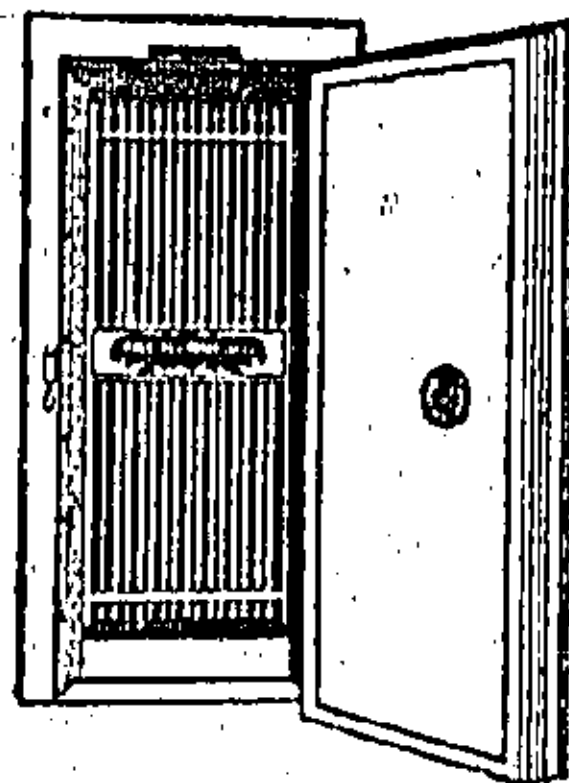
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THE REAL FOES.

The longer this so-called "strike" goes on the more apparent it is becoming that we ought to call a spade a spade and get down to the real facts behind it. We firmly believe, and so do all competent observers, that had the Chinese been left to themselves the present crisis would never have arisen. The merchants don't want an anti-British boycott, the workmen don't want to remain idle just because their employers happen to be British, the British community at Amoy has told us that the workmen are out only because of direct threats, and we all know that there is practically no ill-will between the Chinese and the British or other foreigners. One can go through the densely populated western or eastern districts of the town absolutely unmolested, and there is nothing to be seen of anti-foreignism or enmity. We have to recognise that the present demonstration—or at least a very large part of it—is inspired by forces absolutely outside the Chinese themselves and that the Chinese are being used but as the tools of these extraneous forces. The clearer we get that into our minds, the sooner shall we be guided to real remedial action.

Sovietism, or Communism—call the damnable political heresy what one will—is the insidious force which is working its harm through a people who have for ages been regarded as lovers of peace and justice. In its essence this fight directed from Moscow is a fight against the system of capitalism, the system in which we recognise the right of personal property. Communism is making its onslaught through the most easily procurable channels. It wants to strike at Britain first as Britain represents (as indeed do America, France and all industrial countries) the existing system on a more intensified scale, perhaps, than does other countries, and because to injure Britain is to injure the most powerful of the world's states. The mass of the Chinese people—ignorant, resentful of the tyranny of their rulers, the victims of a bankrupt gang of alleged politicians—are quite willing to be told that some horrible thing called "imperialism" belonging to the British and other foreign Powers, has been responsible for a

lot of harm, and these people have been traded upon to demonstrate accordingly. The Canton Government has fallen almost as easily a prey as even the more uneducated folk. Chinese so-called politicians have been eager to seize upon this anti-British theory of the Bolsheviks because it covers up, at least for the time being, the sorry mess they have made of things in their attempt to govern China not for China's benefit but for their own. The policy of Canton—that which preaches the continuance of the labour strike, the boycott, the tying up of shipping and commerce generally, is not really Chinese, even though expression to it must be given through the Chinese. It is Russian, it is Bolshevik. It is anti-capitalistic and it is much more serious and worthy of thoughtful note than would be a spasmodic but endemic wave of anti-foreignism among the Chinese themselves. Our fight here is but part of the great fight which will surely have to be put up against the madness of Communism by those who believe in the inherent sanity and justice of the contrary theory.

Canton's Complicity.

The Chinese merchants of Hongkong who yesterday expressed the opinion, in the form of a resolution, that the Canton Government's policy of Bolshevism is dictated by a desire to destroy commerce, hit the nail squarely on the head. That point is made clear by the declarations uttered at a strike representatives' meeting in Canton by a member of the Central Executive committee of the Kuomintang, which Party, as is known, now dominates the position in the Southern capital. This speaker was at great pains to show that a strike of workers is far more effective, in the attainment of the ends sought, than a boycott can ever be. He spoke of the stoppage of labour as dealing a death-blow to Hongkong, and appeared to be particularly delighted at the tie-up of shipping. Atop of all this, we have the meeting passing a resolution thanking the Canton Government for the support given to the strike movement. Thus is the truth unmasked. The "cloven hoof" has been revealed. The Red Government in Canton is the obvious enemy of commerce; it seeks to destroy, not to build up. It would rejoice without restraint if it really could cripple Hongkong. It forgets, however, that that could not be accomplished without strangling Canton in the process. To the final results of its policy it pays no heed; it fails to look ahead. At the moment, its one concern is to injure British interests. The Government leaders have not even sufficient foresight or shrewdness to see that in following this line of action they are but the tools of Russian Bolsheviks, who do not care one whit what the consequences of their campaign may be to the Chinese, so long as they can have plenty of scope for the putting into operation of their destructive principles. There can only be two solutions to the present impasse which has been reached between Canton and Hongkong. One is the clearing out of all the Russian Bolsheviks from South China; the other is the overthrow of the present revolutionary group which masquerades as a Government.

Good Signs.

One of the most noticeable features of Hongkong's everyday life during the past week has been the way in which the general Chinese population is again using the transport services. On the trams now there are so many

DAY BY DAY.

THE INSIGNIFICANT, THE EMPTY, IS USUALLY THE LOUD; AND AFTER THE MANNER OF A DRUM, IS LOUDER EVEN BECAUSE OF ITS EMPTINESS.—Carlyle.

The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 2s. 3.15/16d.

The P. and O. s.s. Malwa, from Hongkong, arrived in London on the 31st July at 8 a.m.

The P. and O. s.s. Kashgar left Shanghai yesterday at 4.30 p.m. and is due here on the 7th inst. at 5 a.m.

Capt. M. Middleton, 5/2nd Punjab Regiment, has been granted an extension of leave until December 24th.

Major S. M. H. Baillie 5/2nd Punjab Regiment, has been granted extension of leave until February 3rd, 1926.

Major F. G. Hyland, M.C., R.F., having returned to duty on July 30th, the unexpired portion of his leave has been cancelled.

The wedding of Capt. H. F. Bloxham and Miss Audrey Jones is to take place at St. John's Cathedral on Thursday afternoon.

The silk forwarded from here by the Empress of Canada on 10th July, arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on 31st July, having been 21 days in transit.

Soundings have recently been taken off Taya Island approaches to Hainan Strait by order of the Chinese Maritime Customs and a chart showing the result may be seen at the Harbour Office.

At 9 a.m. to-day there were 91 vessels in harbour; 51 were British. The arrivals for the past twenty-four hours were five (three British) and the departures nine (three British).

Chinese travellers that the old days of congestion are back again, during "rush hours," and one even observes strap-hangers packed thickly in the body of the cars. This forms a remarkable contrast with the condition of affairs prevailing only two weeks ago, soon after the resumption of a partial service of the tramways, when intimidation was renewed, and all of a sudden, it seemed, there were fewer Chinese passengers, and after a day or two there were none at all. But now the strong measures of the Government against intimidators, and the proved failure of their attempts to carry out their threats, has restored confidence among the affected public, and the fear of what might occur has passed. In other words, the intimidators have "lost face," and their wild words have become empty and without effect even on the most timid of their "victims." All of which is very gratifying, and further proof, if such were needed, of the efficacy of the strong hand in dealing with agitators and restoring confidence to wavering. It also shows how much the poorer class Chinese must have suffered from the dislocation of the Colony's transport services. One observed this on the first day that the trams stopped running, when heavy rain fell, and thousands of the public had to walk miles in the inclement weather because they could not afford to take rickshas. The ferries are now being well patronised by Chinese—we refer to the "Star" Ferry Co's service, which had to turn most of the Chinese public away during the restricted service—though the numbers using the boats are very noticeably fewer than previously, possibly owing to the exodus of nearly 200,000 Chinese to Canton. But even those folk are trying to return, and are daily trickling back, no doubt much to the chagrin of the originators of the trouble. Without a doubt, confidence has been restored.

MORE OF THE TRUTH.

DISORDER IN CHINA EXPLAINED.

Mr. W. Sichel writes to the Times:—

As one who has watched Chinese affairs for many years, may I vehemently protest against the misassumptions and misrepresentations now current.

In the first place, a few thousand "students" educated by dubious agencies are no more representative of the average Chinese than the Soviet Government of the Russian people. In the second place, the present crisis has nothing to do with economics—least of all with child-labour, the British limitations on which the Chinaman often dislikes—but is at root purely political. And in the third place, the ferment is one mainly caused by the Bolshevik exploitation of various (and even inconsistent) prejudices and aspirations. The "several Unions" and "Delegations" mentioned are not typically Chinese in origin. Bribes and terrorism have been and are being applied to those who resent the aims and methods of the "intelligentsia." And all this has been aggravated by an anarchy proceeding from a civil war between rival factions without any central Government.

The huge population of China is largely one of small peasant proprietors and traders entirely opposed by habit, religion, and temperament to the Bolshevik practice and propaganda. The anti-foreigner cry has apparently been revived and manipulated by Bolshevik agents who deem that the hour is ripe for their anti-British ambitions. Their Ambassador, Karakhan, has encouraged and helped to organize discontent for an anti-British campaign. Nor have the Powers ever protested against such a violation of diplomatic standards any more than against the late Sun Yat-sen's violent intrigues. By long-suffering apathy this European inaction has contributed to the impetus of the moment. The mass of Chinese in every class would welcome a deliverance from an incubus on their prosperity—an incubus imposed with ulterior motives.

Is it forgotten that our rights in the maritime cities are rights conferred by solemn treaties which have truly advanced the national welfare. And such treaties "scraps of paper"? Still more is it remembered that Hongkong is a British Colony of an importance both commercial and strategic quite disproportionate to its size? Its gallant Governor voluntarily remains at his post with little visible support from our Government, while the Shanghai volunteers have bravely done their utmost under great difficulties to prevent ruin. Chang Tso-lin has sent troops to their assistance. Mr. Chamberlain's hope that the Powers will stand in concert is unlikely to be realised, for their interests differ and in some respects diverge. And yet, from the latest reports, our Government, which has sent some ships, still maintains a waiting attitude.

GARRISON TENNIS.

RESULTS AND LEAGUE TABLE.

Results of matches in the Garrison Tennis League played week ending August, 1st were:—

Headquarters Wing, East Surrey Regt. beat R.A.M.C. by 57 to 42. R.E. "B" beat R.A.O.C. by 64 to 35.

"D" Coy., East Surrey Regt. beat H.Q. Wing, East Surrey Regt. by 53 to 46.

The League table to date is:—

	P.	W.	E.	Pts.
R.E. "B"	9	9	0	9
R.A.O.C.	8	7	1	7
H.Q. Wing, Surrey	6	3	6	4
Small Units	8	4	4	4
"A" Coy., Surrey	8	3	5	3
R.A.S.C.	6	3	3	3
"D" Coy., Surrey	6	2	4	2
R.E. "A"	7	2	5	2
R.A.M.C.	7	0	7	0
"B" Coy., Surrey	4	0	4	0

A motor truck came into collision with a telephone standard on the Praya near Tin Lok Lane yesterday afternoon. The standard was razed to the ground, and the truck also suffered some damage.

AMERICA AND CHINA.

FEELERS REGARDING A CONFERENCE.

A staff correspondent of the New York Evening Post writes under date of July 1st from Washington as follows:

In response to the appeal of the Chinese Government for revision of its international treaties, the United States apparently has taken the first step toward a world conference for the adjustment of Chinese relations.

It is understood that Minister Maomurray, who will arrive at his new post in Peking on Saturday will then have in his possession instructions expressing the desire of the Administration that the subject of extra-territoriality in China be considered by the interested Powers as soon as possible.

If such a feeler brings a favourable response, and there is every reason to believe it will, the International Commission created by the Washington Arms Conference undoubtedly would be called into conference. Probably other nations with Far Eastern interests, but not represented on the commission, would participate.

FEARS DISASTROUS RESULTS. The Chinese advances to the United States, it has been learned, practically served notice that the present unrest would have disastrous results unless such action were taken to fulfill the pledges made to China three years ago.

Though stopping short of an accusation of bad faith against the Powers, unpublished sections of the recent Chinese note, it was learned, expressed dissatisfaction and impatience at the failure of the Arms Conference signatories to put into effect the compacts relating to China.

The Chinese Government has informed the Powers that the elements now promoting civil strife in China and waging war on foreigners are actuated by the belief that the Chinese representatives were hoodwinked at the Arms Conference.

Dr. Alfred Sze, the Chinese Minister, has reiterated his government's position at a number of conferences with Secretary Kellogg. Dr. Sze conferred yesterday with the Secretary of State, and various phases of the situation were discussed.

Mr. Kellogg is said to be sympathetic to the Chinese Government's position, and provided preliminary feelers bring favourable responses, the American Government might find itself in a position to take the lead in the present difficulty.

"STRIKING" STUDENTS.

ACCOMMODATION AT PEKING.

In view of the local discursions regarding Chinese schoolboys who went on "strike," the following, from the Peking correspondent of the Shanghai Times, is of interest:—

A determined effort is now being made by a number of educational institutions in Peking for the accommodation of the students of a number of missionary schools in China, which have expelled them because of their participation in the numerous demonstrations and activities in connection with the Shanghai, Hankow, and Canton cases.

The St. John's University, the Yale-in-China of Changsha, and a few other institutions have been closed down, and their students have sworn not to return to continue their studies.

In order that they shall not waste their valuable time, the Peking Government University, and the Hwa Fat University, the China National University, and the Great Eastern University have consented to open their doors to the "striking" students. It is said that, while the Peking Government University still holds on to the rule of admission by examination, the other universities mentioned have consented to waive this restriction and permitted the students to attend classes, to be examined and qualified a little later.

Over one hundred students of the St. John's University of Shanghai, who have sworn not to return to it in the fall, have already applied to the Peking Government University for entrance examination. The students ask for admission on the strength of their records at St. John's. The Peking Government University authorities are giving consideration to the matter.

CHEUNG CHAU RESIDENTS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Cheung Chau Residents' Association was held in the Assembly Hall on the island on Monday morning last, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. L. MacPherson. There was a good attendance of members.

In the course of his opening remarks, the Chairman reviewed the principal events of the year, pointing out the great benefits which had been derived from the Assembly Room which was erected just over a year ago. Not only for recreation and social purposes had it proved beneficial, but it provided a meeting-place for the holding of Sunday services and had been used as a depot during the strike for the distribution of food. The Cheung Chau Residents' Association was the oldest Association of its kind in the Colony and it more or less performed the duties of a Municipal Council, looking after the roads, the water supply, the Assembly Hall and providing matchboxes on the bench for changing. During the strike the Association had not only maintained their own food supply but had organised the maintenance of the ferry service.

The financial position was considered quite satisfactory. After providing for all expenses and also putting \$100 aside for the Hall Maintenance Fund, there was a credit balance of just over \$70.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Rev. Mr. Kempf; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. A. C. Franklin and L. M. Whyte; Hon. Secretaries and Treasurers, Mr. J. L. MacPherson and Mrs. A. G. Coppin.

On taking the chair, Mr. Kempf paid a high tribute to the work done by Mr. L. M. Whyte during the strike and also to the good work done by Inspector Lane. It was unanimously agreed to send a letter to the Hon. C.S.P. expressing the Association's appreciation of Inspector Lane's services.

Mr. Davis was elected as Convener of Recreation and Sports, whilst Dr. Wright, together with other doctors on the island, were appointed a Medical Committee to have charge of all sanitary and health matters. A Religious Services Committee was also chosen.

The question of the disposal of rubbish was then discussed and it was decided to erect an incinerator, if found to be a feasible project, the Medical Committee to go into the matter and report. It was mentioned that there was almost sufficient rubbish to warrant the provision of a junk to take it out to sea, but the matter was left to the Committee as stated above.

The meeting also decided to send a letter to the Forestry Department thanking it for planting trees along the paths leading to the Assembly Hall.

Owing to the fact that so many people are down from up country on account of the present Chinese unrest, Cheung Chau has experienced quite an influx of visitors this summer. All houses are full.

A SHANGHAI POSTER.

THE MERCHANTS' STRIKE LOSSES.

A new poster, the largest during the strike, appeared on Shanghai walls recently in an effort to counteract the malicious propaganda disseminated by agitators and student leaders.

The poster, which measures 40 in. by 30 in., depicts a bespectacled student sitting at a desk holding in his hand a card stating that the funds are exhausted. Kneeling at his feet is the diminutive figure of a Chinese merchant who is represented as saying something after this effect: "Will you please pay my losses now you have ruined me? You have paid the labourers, what about me?"

Although a number of posters were torn or defaced within a short time of their appearance, the majority of them were still intact and are calculated to have a beneficial effect on setting the present situation in its true perspective.

A new \$2,000,000 hotel is to be built this summer along the famous beach at Waikiki, Honolulu.

Wife—Next time, you spend an evening at the club, please let me know if I am to keep breakfast waiting for you.

ECLIPSE OF THE MOON.

"DRAGON'S" PARTIAL SWALLOW.

One of the picturesque beliefs which survive among the less advanced Chinese is that the eclipse of the moon is due to a dragon attempting to swallow it, and only desisting when frightened off by appropriate noise—such as the firing of crackers and beating of gongs or tin-cans.

Shortly before eight o'clock yesterday evening a scattered fusillade of cracker-firing greeted a partial eclipse of the moon, which was then in the eastern sky about half-way to the zenith. At most a little less than half the disc was obscured, and many people therefore were unaware of the occurrence.

According to the astronomical calendar, it was a partial eclipse of the moon beginning about 5.25 p.m. on August 4th, commencing to be visible in part of the east of North America and the Pacific, and finally to be seen in Australia and part of East Asia, with the best view of the eclipse obtainable from the island of Tonga. The eclipse was at its height about 7.52 p.m., and entirely over at 10.19 p.m., the greatest surface covered being about three-quarters of the moon's disc.

CHINA AND SINGAPORE.

ALLEGED AGITATOR ARRESTED.

Chief Detective Inspector Kenny surprised a gathering in People's Park, Singapore, on Monday night last week, and effected the arrest of a Chinese who is alleged to have been addressing the gathering and conveying to them false and seditious statements concerning the supposed sinking of British battleships in China and the defeat of British troops.

The alleged agitator was promptly secured. He was charged in the Police Courts the next morning and remanded on bail of \$500. He will be required to show cause why he should not be bound over to keep the peace.

The danger of this type of agitator being allowed to carry out his work can be readily appreciated, especially when he gathers a highly impressionable crowd around him. The authorities have been on the alert for cases of this nature and this is the first time an arrest has been effected says the local *Free Press*.

The case was to come up for hearing in a week's time.

THE YARN MARKET.

MORE ACTIVITY LOCALLY.

Reporting under date of yesterday, Messrs. Polishwalla and Kotwankar state:

After a long period of stagnation, lasting many months, our market suddenly sprung into life in the past fortnight and it is our pleasant duty to report sales amounting to 9,000 bales, or thereabout. Several causes have operated to influence the dealers to throw off their recent inactivity, and to come into the market with some eagerness. Chief among these causes are the partial closing of the Shanghai mills, the sudden rise in the American cotton, and the fear of a smaller crop than had been expected of American cotton.

The bulk of the sales were, as usual, mostly No. 10's, both "spot" and "to arrive." No. 12's, on the other hand, have been comparatively neglected, fetching, where sales have been made, no higher than No. 10's.

Telegraphic advices from Bombay report a steady market, with some good enquiries.

At the close our market appears to be steady with active deliveries. Unsold stocks, 7,000 bales; bargain in Chinese hands 9,500 bales, both ready and to arrive.

Shanghai market is reported to be quiet.

Japanese Yarn.—Prices of this yarn have been fairly well maintained for spot owing to the stocks being of small proportions, but there has been no forward buying to speak of.

The following are the quotations for spot yarn: Nagasaki No. 20s, \$246; Nagasaki No. 10s, \$196; 3 Horses No. 10s, \$215; 3 Horses No. 20s, \$237; Yellow Jess No. 20s, \$240; Setau No. 10s, \$196; Setau No. 20s, \$249; Blue Fish No. 20s, \$246; Blue Fish No. 12s, \$204. Raw Cotton.—No business to report. Quotations:—Bengal \$58 to \$57 per picul, Chinese \$56 to \$64.

MINISTERS AS WRITERS.

CABINET BANS ALL BUT MAGAZINE ARTICLES.

A matter before the Cabinet recently was the writing of articles in the newspapers by Cabinet Ministers in office. This question has caused some friction in the party.

Lord Birkenhead has been the chief offender in this respect. It is urged by the supporters of Lord Birkenhead that, as he has sacrificed a pension of £5,000 which he drew as ex-Lord Chancellor, he should be allowed to indulge in the recreation of writing.

Several other Ministers still interest themselves in their old professions. The Home Secretary is consulted, so it is said, by his old firm of solicitors. Lord Salisbury still manages his estates, consequently a Minister with a flair for journalism should be allowed to write on matters not affecting public policy.

The majority of the Cabinet, however, are against a Minister writing at all. Any journalistic venture in their view must derogate from the performance of his official duties.

Mr. Baldwin, in reply to a question, is to state the decision of the Cabinet to-day. I understand that very strict rules are to govern the contributions of Ministers to the Press. So much so that anything but a magazine article will probably be disallowed.

MELBA ADVOCATES "BUYING IMPERIALLY."

APPEAL TO SHOPKEEPERS.

The following letter, urging shopkeepers to "sell Imperially," has been sent by Dame Nellie Melba to *The Daily Chronicle*:

It is a magnificent tribute to the British newspapers that in this material age they have fought with such vigour to make Great Britain buy goods produced within the Empire. Farmers in Australia, Africa and New Zealand are, I am sure, more than grateful; I do think that to-day, when everything, even music wears a label, the shopkeepers might be induced to do a little more towards the Empire's shopping ideal.

In the Southern world from which I come my people live and work with one ideal, and that is the Empire ideal. They carry that idealism into the very earth on which they produce food for the Empire and for the homes of the Mother Country.

Perhaps it would not be too much to ask the retailers of this older land to bring the same spirit into their shops, and to brand or ticket our Australian fruits, butter, and so forth, so that the British housewife may be reminded that there is idealism as well as economy in a morning's shopping, and thus enable her to appreciate all the more fruit which brings Australian sunshine on to the British breakfast-table.



Pat! "I hear you have retired. Have you saved enough to last you comfortably?"

Mike: "Sure I have put a fair bit by, but I'll have to die soon to be safe!"

Weekly Telegraph, Sheffield.

Ivory, deer horn and stone beads, used as ornaments by the cave men of prehistoric Europe, recently were sent to Beloit College by Alonso W. Pond. The collection, he says, comprises the oldest manufactured jewellery in the world.

Dr. W. A. Noyes, professor of chemistry at the University of Illinois, recently described a new thermometer which measures temperatures as low as 380 degrees below zero. As mercury freezes at such a low temperature, air is used in the thermometer.

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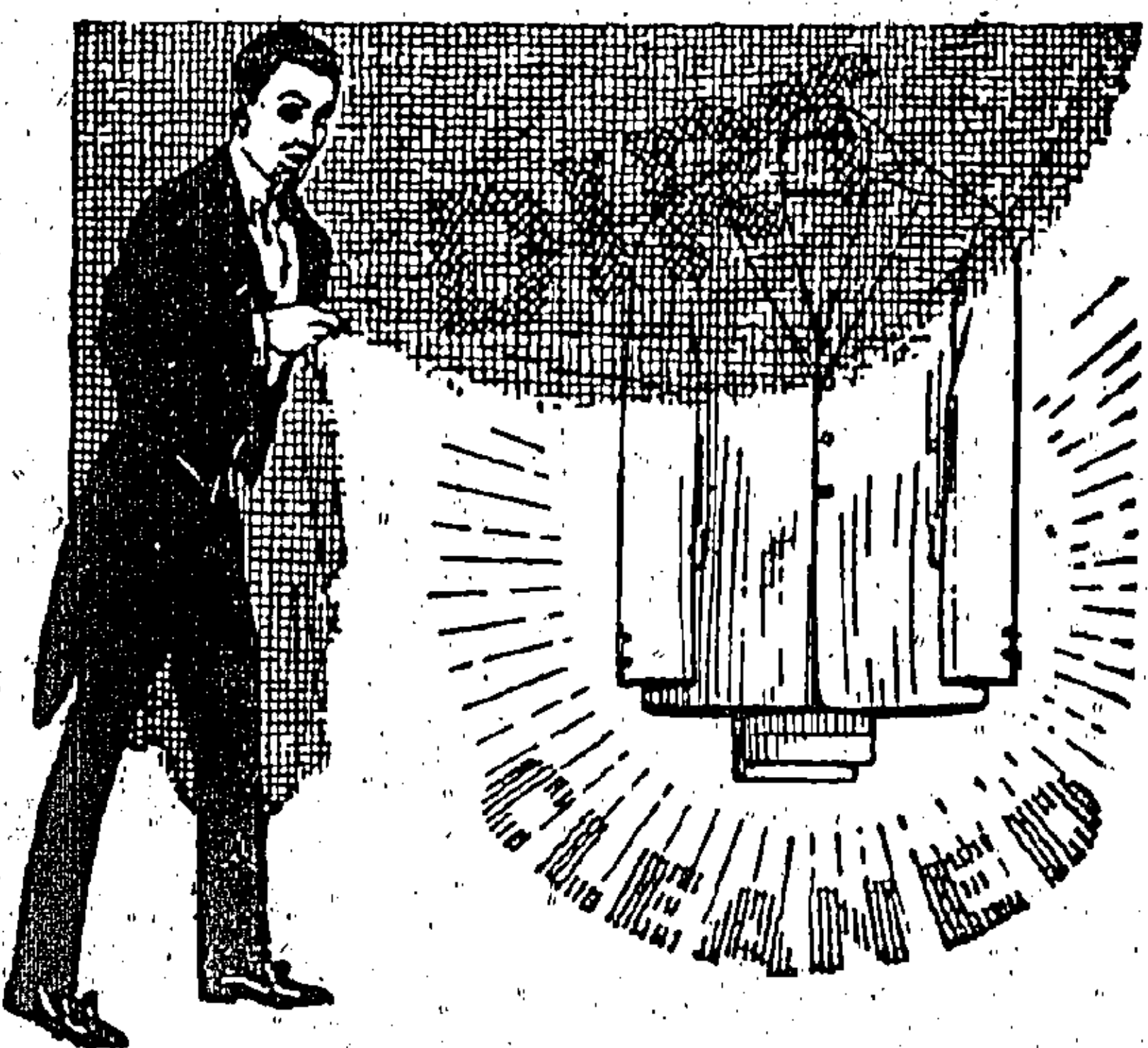
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(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

H. M. A. S. BRISBANE.

Sir,—The recent reports in the Press about the solicitude of the Australian Labour Party over the employment of H. M. A. S. Brisbane in China are misleading. They give one the impression that the Brisbane has left Hongkong for Mediterranean waters as the result of the discussion in the Australian Federal Parliament. That is not so. The Brisbane joined the China fleet early in May in accordance with arrangements made earlier, to serve as an exchange ship in place of one of the British ships doing duty with the Australian fleet. And, also in accordance with the previous arrangement, she has left Hongkong, not for the Mediterranean but for Australia. Her future movements will not be influenced by the present state of China.—Yours etc.

ONE WHO KNOWS.

Hongkong, August 4, 1925.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

HIGH COMMISSIONERSHIP PROPOSED.

Paris, August 4.
Speaking of the attitude of France in the Chinese affair, the *Journal* states that the Foreign Powers should modify their conduct toward China. As far as concerns France, she ought to create a High Commissionership which would depend upon the Ministries of Foreign Affairs for the Colonies and upon which French diplomats in the East and the Governor of Indo-China would depend. Such an institution would enable France to follow in the Far East a methodical policy.—Haeus.

MOROCCAN WAR.

FURTHER FRENCH VICTORIES.

Paris, August 4.—A communique from Rabat states that "extensive operations of mobile columns in the north and north-western districts, where the enemy recently penetrated in large numbers, have resulted in the ejection of the enemy from their stronghold in the Azjen mountains. The enemy fled in disorder, leaving sixty dead."

Newspaper despatches describing the operations state that the French infantry fought most vigorously and tenaciously, despite the intense heat.—Reuter.

HOSPITAL RAIDED.

TWO MALE NURSES CAPTURED.

Peking, August 4.—A report from Chekiang states that a mob yesterday raided the China Missionary Society's hospital at Hangchow, capturing two male nurses who were somewhat ill-treated but eventually rescued without serious injury by the Chinese police who have now promised to protect the hospital.—Reuter.

AMERICAN FLEET.

VISIT TO MELBOURNE ENDS.

Melbourne, August 4.—The first departure of the American fleet began this morning when the light cruisers left for Hobart. The main fleet, including Admiral Coontz's flagship Seattle and three battleships, leave on Thursday.—Reuter.

CHINA AND RUSSIA.

NEW AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW.

Peking, August 4.—A mandate issued last night appoints Sun Pao-chi first Chinese Ambassador to Moscow.—Reuter.

TAXI DRIVER'S CLAIM.

STORY OF A GUARANTEE.

Wrongful Dismissal Alleged.

A taxi-cab driver named Chan Sui-hoi was plaintiff in an action which was heard before Mr. Justice Wood in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon. He was represented by Mr. M. K. Lo and claimed the return of \$100, the amount of a guarantee which he had deposited with the Hongkong and Kowloon Taxi-cab Company. Mr. Turner of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Masters appeared for the company.

The facts of the case were that plaintiff was engaged by the company and was to be taught to drive a car. He paid \$100 guarantee which was to be returned to him at the end of three years. His contract was dated June 29, 1923 and when he became proficient he was to be paid \$30 a month. He was dismissed a short time ago and therefore demanded his \$100 be returned to him.

Mr. Turner called no evidence but argued the case and after Mr. Lo's reply His Honour stated that on the contract he could not see that plaintiff had any right to the \$100. Mr. Lo thereupon applied for permission to amend his claim to one of damages for wrongful dismissal. To this, His Honour agreed and adjourned the case sine die.

NETHERLANDS FAIR.

TO BE HELD AT UTRECHT IN SEPTEMBER.

Information has been received from the Consul General for the Netherlands in South China, that Holland's International Industries Fair will be held this year at Utrecht, from September 8 to 15. Forms of application for participation, stating the tariff of the rental of sample rooms, etc., may be had on application to the Consulate.

The exhibition will be housed in the permanent Fair Building and is open to all groups of industry, including foodstuffs, machinery, textiles, leather goods, sports articles, earthenware, musical instruments and chemicals.

Rates approximate \$250 for a room 13 by 13 feet and nine feet high, and \$12 for an uncovered site of 15 square feet, with a reduced tariff for extended holdings.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

REMOVAL OF TUNGCHOW CHANNEL BUOY.

The following notice to mariners has been issued by the Maritime Customs at Shanghai under date July 29:

Referring to Special Notice to Mariners No. 735, notice is hereby given that the Edge Buoy, moored on the northern side of the Tungchow Channel, has been moved, and from the new position of the buoy Plover Point Beacon bears S. 3° W. (magnetic), distant 3.29 miles.

The characteristics have not been changed.

OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN BELL-IRVING, J.P.

News has been received in the Colony, by cable, of the death at Home on July 29th, of Mr. John Bell-Irving, J.P., of Milbank, Lockerbie, Scotland, formerly a partner in the firm of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company.

Only the oldest residents in the Colony will remember the deceased gentleman, for he left here many years ago and settled down at Home. He came of an old sporting family, and was himself recognised as a particularly fine shot, a sport he not only enjoyed but excelled in practically up to the time of his death, which has occurred in his eightieth year. He was a son of Mr. John Bell-Irving of Whitehill, Dumfriesshire, the elder brother of Mr. James Jardine Bell-Irving and the father of Mr. John Bell-Irving, Junr., who left Hongkong in 1922.

The deceased gentleman was born on February 2, 1846, and was married in 1884. He served the firm of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Company both at Hongkong and Shanghai, and during his residence here was a member of the Legislative Council.

SLAVES IN NEPAL.

Fidelity to Former Masters.

The appeal made recently by the Prime Minister of Nepal for the liberation of slaves has had excellent results, writes the Calcutta correspondent of the *Observer*. Of over 15,000 owners more than four-fifths have agreed to emancipate their slaves, and about a tenth of them have signified their willingness to do so without compensation. The three cities of Katmandu, Bhatgaon, and Patan, may now be said to be free from slavery. In them about a fourth of the total number have been set at liberty by philanthropic owners, who decline to accept compensation.

A noticeable feature is that about four-fifths of the liberated slaves have signified their intention to remain with their former masters. If the ratio holds for the whole of the slave population, little difficulty or inconvenience will be caused to the owners. Analysis of the figures shows that of the four-fifths whose opinion has been received the majority prefer immediate emancipation. Only about 500 owners, out of approximately 12,000 have asked for the price which they had paid for their slaves. The rest have declared their willingness to accept the statutory price. The figures are so encouraging that in official quarters it is anticipated that the whole of Nepal will be free from slavery within the next few months.

A rough estimate of the funds required has been revised. It is found that instead of Rs40 lakhs, something over half a crore (about half a million sterling at the present rate of exchange) will be necessary. This sum has been allotted by the Maharaja. About a lakh has so far been paid out as compensation. At the capital a long line of slaves with their masters, is brought before the Maharaja almost daily, and the fact of their liberation and the amount of compensation to be paid is recorded in His Highness's presence.

Full credit is due to the Maharaja for his prompt and methodical inauguration of the movement, and for the wisdom with which the difficulties have been foreseen and overcome, and also to the Nepalese in general for their ready acceptance of the reform.

A worthy missionary in India had the hymn "Rock of Ages" translated into Hindustani. On translation into English by a student, the first two lines bore this inspiring and illuminating aspect: "Very old Stone, split for my benefit, let me absent myself under your fragments."

MYSTIC STONE.

Becoming The Latest Craze.

The new summer colour (so we are told by the fashion technologists) is to be turquoise, says the *Daily Chronicle*.

Dresses are not only to be turquoise in colour, but ornamented with turquoise stones.

And the turquoise is to be the fashionable stone of the season. Already in West-end shops which specialise in precious things, the turquoise (sometimes set in brilliants) occupies first place.

How often have we not read in novels of "the turquoise sea." What more delightful colour for summer dresses could be imagined—cool, refreshing, bright!

The turquoise itself is the luckiest of stones, and, as we live in an age when superstition is reviving, its popularity is understandable.

But to regard it as merely the play-thing of superstition would be altogether too superficial.

For in reality it is a very intelligent, austere and religious stone—a mystic (or, as some might say, a psychoanalyst) among its kind.

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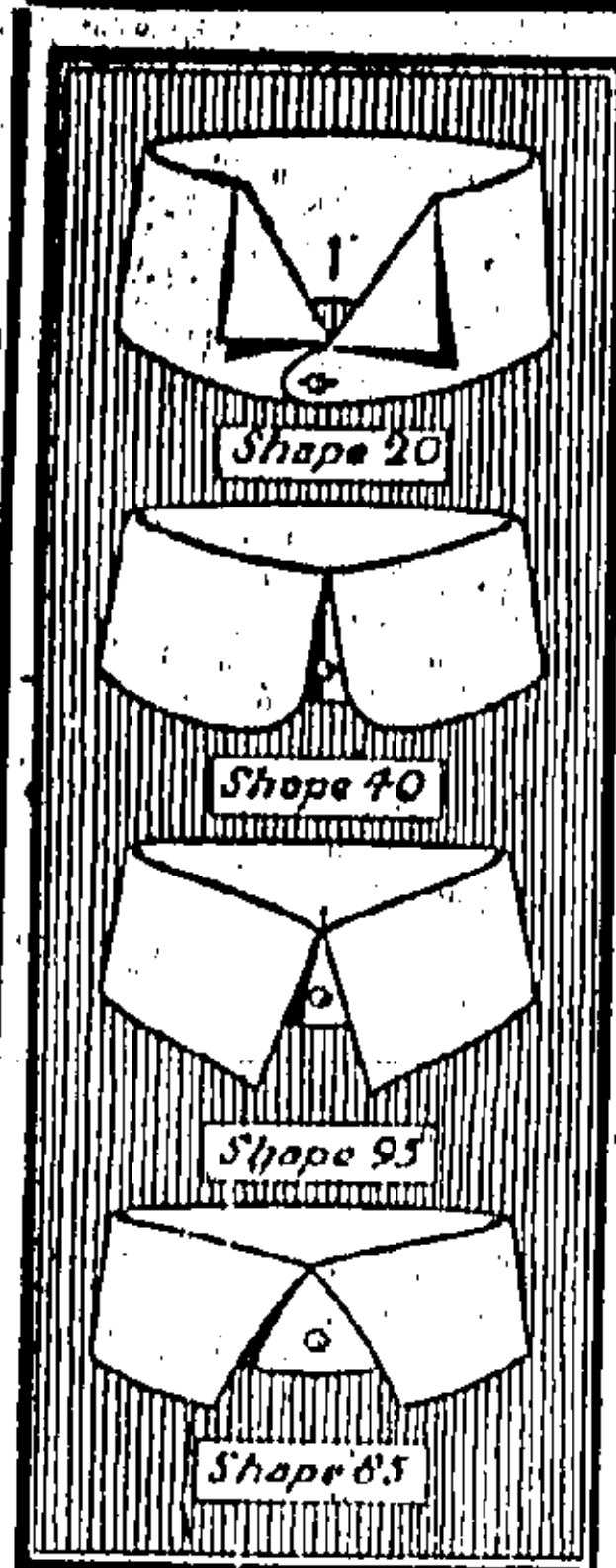


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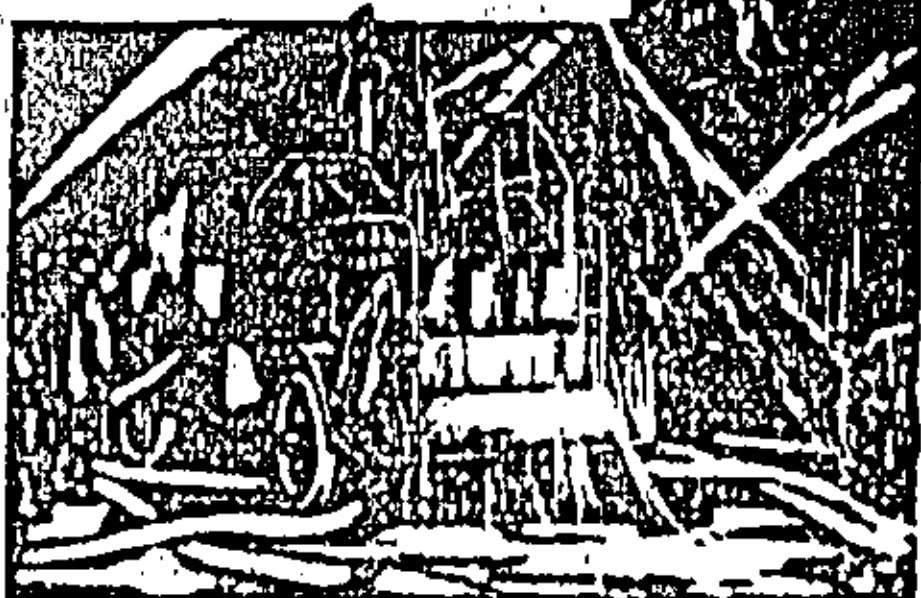
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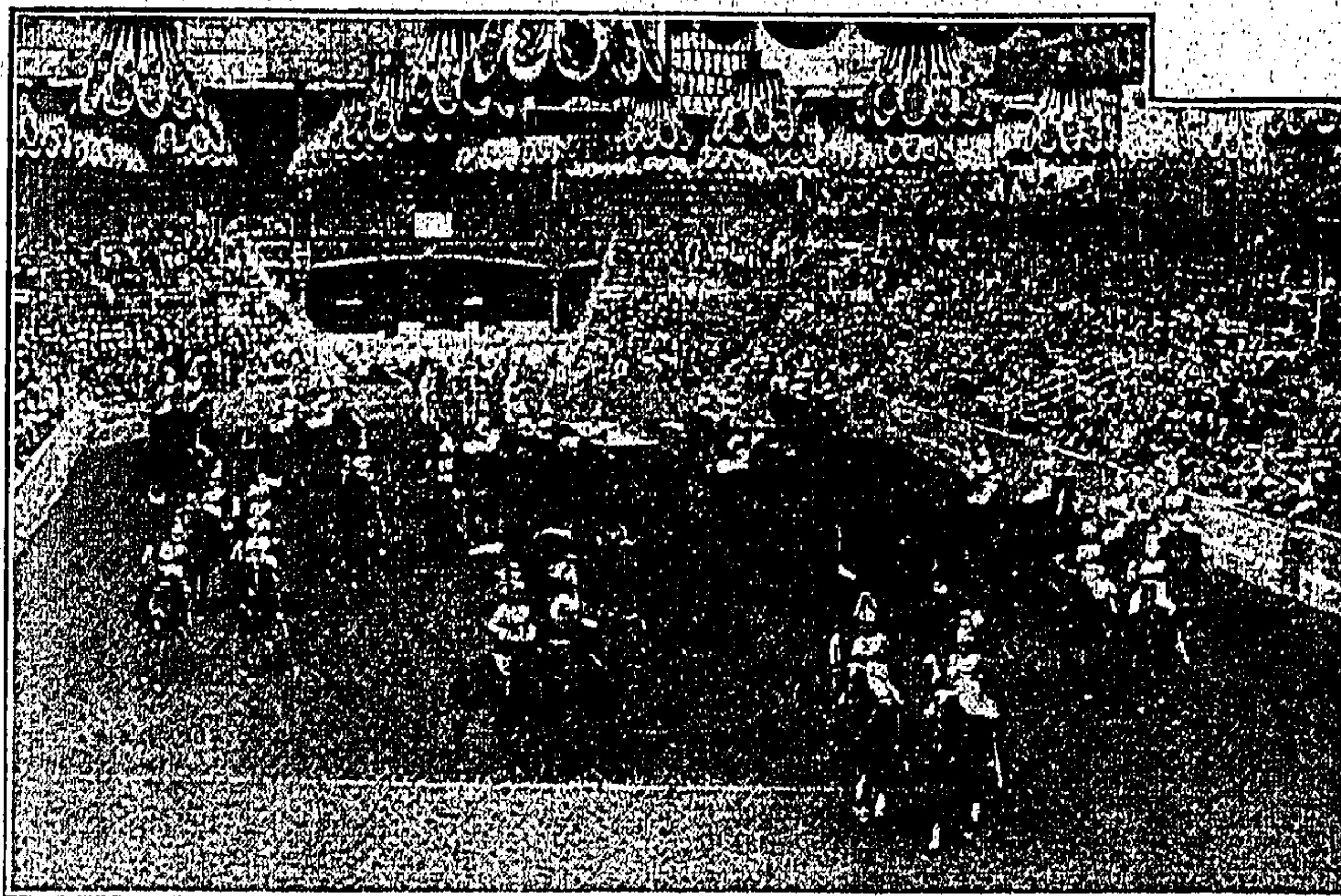
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Tournament at Olympia.



The musical ride by men of the 1st. and 2nd Life Guards is one of the attractive features of the Olympia Tournament. ("Times" copyright photograph.)

"Air" Head.



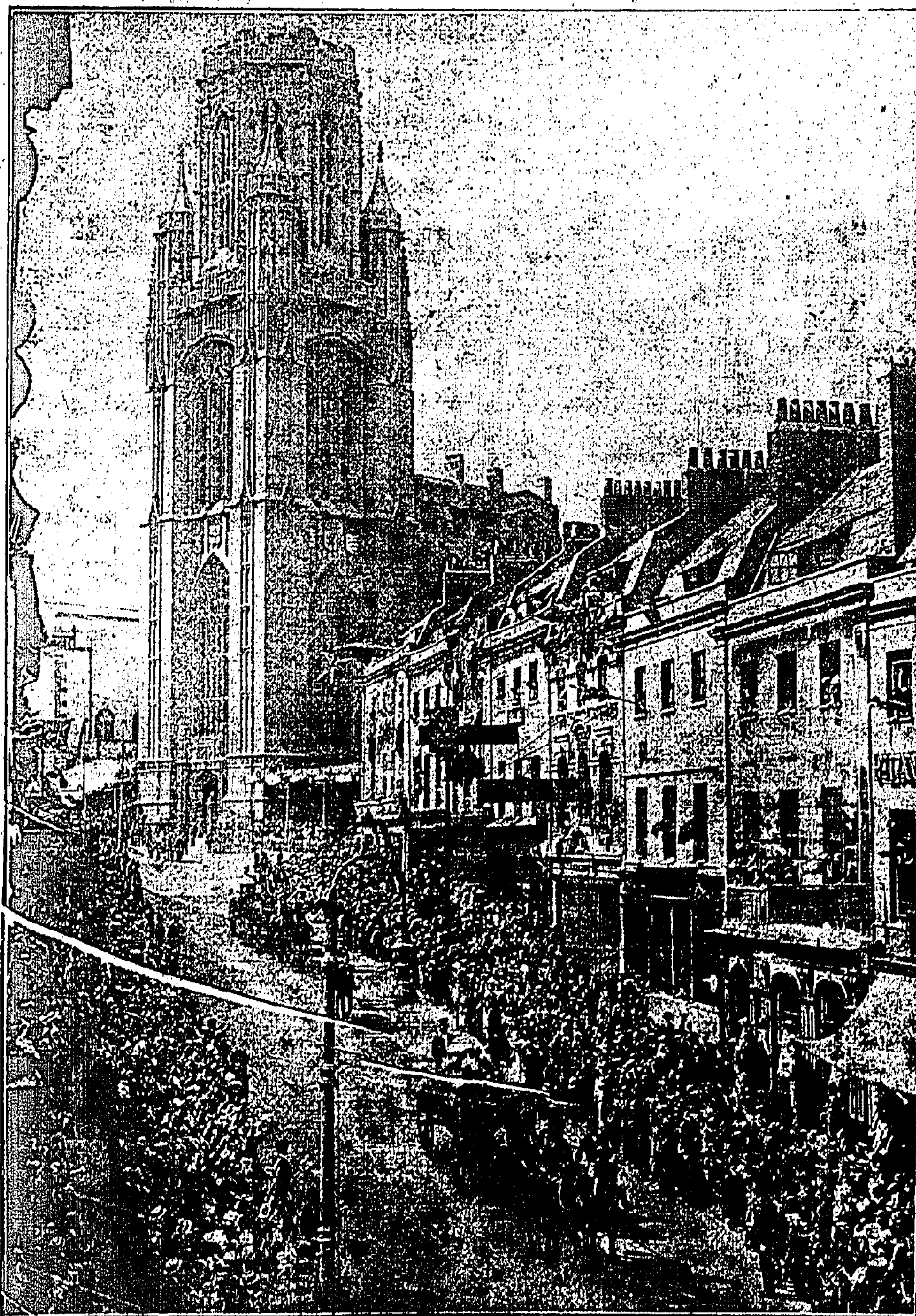
Major R. W. Schroeder, holder of the world's high air altitude record, has been retained as supervisor of Ford Airport at Dearborn, Mich., and as such will head the airplane service from Detroit to the various branches of the Ford company.

In Her "Charro."



Mexico received with "bravo" Hilda Butzowa, Russian dancer, when she danced in the bull ring at Mexico City. She is shown here dressed in a typical Mexican "charro" or cowboy costume.

Their Majesties at Bristol.



The Royal Party driving from Bristol University after the new main building had been opened by the King. Great crowds lined the route. The new buildings, which were designed by Sir George Ostley, can be seen in the background. ("Times" copyright photograph.)

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SIOLIA	6,813	29th Oct.	S'pore, P'ang, Obo & B'bay
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